

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the paper filed on June 13, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13, 15-28, 30-43 and 45.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

The Applicant's arguments filed on June 13, 2007 have been fully considered.

As per claims 1-13, 15-28, 30-43 and 45 the Examiner agrees that limitations of claims 4-20 are not disclosed in any prior art references.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-13, 15-28, 30-43 and 45 are allowed over the prior art record.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record Narasimhalu et al. (US Patent 5,499,298) teaches controlled dissemination of digital information.

None of the art of record, taken individually or combination disclose at least the steps/components of: transmitting a license from a server to a secure device for storage, the license containing a product key of a watercrypted content and a client identifier; transmitting via an electronic network an entitlement control message containing a plurality of content keys associated with said watercrypted content to said secure device; transmitting a request to provide a session content key from said plurality of content keys, said session content key encrypted at said secure device using a transport key encrypted with a public key associated with said server, and said session content key being to-be used to decrypt said watercrypted content; and receiving

said session content key from said secure device in response to said request.

Even if the features missing from the above cited prior art were found in a reasonable number of references a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would not have been motivated to combine these reference because the feature of “watercrypting” is unrelated to key management and would have to be disclosed by references unrelated to key management.

The Examiner notes that the following definition of the term “watercrypting” as defined in the Applicants specification has been relied.

“In the following description, "watercrypting" or "watercrypt" refer to the process of duplicating content and adding a first watermark identifier to a first piece of duplicated content and a second watermark identifier to a second piece of duplicated content for distribution to a client. Watercrypting also refers to the process of encrypting the duplicated content with unique keys and generating ECMs to distribute securely the unique keys such that unique keys are tied to unique watermark identifiers. “

Claims 1, 11, 16, 26, 31, 32 and 33 are allowable for the above cited reasons.

Claims 2-10,12-13,15,17-25, 27-28, 30, 34-43 and 45 are dependant upon claims 1, 11, 16, 26, 31, 32 and 33 respectively and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John M. Winter whose telephone number is (571) 272-6713. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6, 1st Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on (571) 272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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